

9th February 2018

Dear Parents/carers

Here we are at the end of this half term, and I can't believe how quickly the last five-and-a-half weeks have flown by! I have enjoyed getting to know the children; I have been made to feel very welcome, which shows what a special place this school is. I have enjoyed seeing our school values demonstrated by the children: the determination and aspiration to do well in lessons; the nurturing and teamwork as older children support younger children at lunchtimes and playtimes; the courage and confidence to have a go at something that is difficult. Last Friday a group of children led our collective worship by telling the story of "The Good Samaritan" which was a real treat. Class 1 have found out about Chinese New Year – they tried eating noodles and then paraded through the school with a Chinese dragon and percussion to wish everyone good luck.

This week we have been thinking about mental health and well-being, through the National Mental Health Week theme of "Being Ourselves" – to realise how important it is to accept ourselves and celebrate our own and others' individuality. In Psalm 139:14 it says "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made". As we pause for thought during our half-term break next week, perhaps we can all take a moment to remind ourselves that we are all special, and should be proud of the precious characteristics and gifts that make us unique.

School opens again on Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> and I am looking forward to the longer, lighter days as we move into spring. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to in school next half term; please see below for details. Have an enjoyable and restful break.

Anna Hayesmore

### **Aylmerton Field Study Centre Trip**

At 6:30 pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a meeting for the parents of children going to Aylmerton Field Study Centre to discuss the trip, share kit lists etc.

### **Bishop Steven's Lent Challenge**

This year the Lent Challenge is based on The 5 Marks of Mission – The 5 Ts: Tell, Teach, Transform, Tend and Treasure. The children will be undertaking a series of challenges each week based on the 5 Ts. On *Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February* we are inviting all pupils to take part in the Church Urban Fund's Big Pancake Party fundraising activity:

All across this country there are families who struggle to put food on the table; [children are going to school hungry](#) and parents are skipping meals so that their children can eat an evening meal. The Church Urban Fund is a charity set up to assist those in deprived and impoverished areas in the UK.

Children will compete in their team colours to complete a pancake relay race. To join in, all your child needs to do is come to school with a voluntary donation of £1 which will go towards providing an emergency food parcel for a small family for one day. This will need to be brought in on the day of the challenge.

To find out more, just come and talk to your child's teacher. You can also visit the event website at: <https://www.cuf.org.uk/the-big-pancake-party-2017>

We really appreciate your help to make our Pancake Party a huge success. Miss Leggett

### **May Day celebrations**

Our May Day celebrations will take place on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May and dancing practice will be starting after half term. Mrs. Larner would be grateful if you could check your child's plimsolls to ensure a secure fit for dancing. Thank you.

### **World Book Day themed Team Day and Hat Parade**

On *Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February*, we are having a Team Day based on World Book Day. The children will work in their teams, visiting each classroom and teacher during the day, to take part in a range of activities linked to books. Rather than coming to school dressed as a book character, this year we would like the children to come to school with a hat that they have made based on a book of their choice. The hat could represent a particular book character, or it could reflect wider themes/ideas from the book. We will then have a hat parade in school. I wonder who will have the most imaginative hat?

### **Parent Consultations**

On *Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March* we are holding parent consultations between 3:45pm and 6:30pm. An appointment letter will be sent home to you shortly after half term.

### **Songs of Praise for Mothering Sunday**

We would like to invite you to join us to celebrate Mothering Sunday with Songs of Praise on *Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, at 2:30pm*. This will replace celebration assembly.

### **Frances Fun Friday Frolic**

Please come and join us as we run in memory of Frances Dow who was such an important part of Burrough Green's running Club. The fun-run will take place on the green on *Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March* (am, time TBC). We will be collecting donations for Cancer Research.

### **Open Afternoon**

This term, open afternoon will be on *Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March*. Please come and find out what the children have been learning about in school this term. There will also be a performance by the school choir.

### **Easter Service**

Please come and help us celebrate the Easter story at our Easter service in St. Augustine's Church at *2:00pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March*.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### ***Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: School reopens***

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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm: Easter Service

#### ***Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: End of Term***

#### ***Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: School reopens for the Summer Term***

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Aylmerton Field Study Centre Trip

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day celebrations 1.45 p.m.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs